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MYSTICS OF PENNSYLVANIA.

When William Penn in 1681 purchased from the British government the province of Pennsylvania, he at once went over to Holland where there were rivers and ships and visited merchants and offered to sell them land.

Now William Penn was a Quaker, and in Holland were found many Mennonites. There were no people in the world so much like the Quakers as the Mennonites, and when Penn offered to sell the land they came on and bought by the thousands of acres.

William Penn was born in London on the 14th of October, 1614, and died in England the 13th of July, 1718, in the 74th year of his age. The Quakers appear to have taken their rise in England in or about 1650. They were a very plain kind of people in their manner of dress, and in building meeting houses. Some one who came from Germany in 1720, in writing on church affairs makes use of this language:

"Who can yet have any doubts that Pennsylvania was not set apart that, within its borders, the descendants of the Twelve Tribes of our heavenly Jacob, should find a dwelling place. And though among themselves there is found a great variety of precepts, manners and customs, that cannot destroy the divine arrangement, the difference of religious views originates through the relations of the Mothers,

which brought the Tribe fathers into the world. God has been among his people, even as he has been among them in ages past, though many disappointments took place."

Once upon a time, some one told us, the Quakers derived their religious views from the Mennonites. We are inclined to believe this is correct. It usually happens when a new church takes its rise, that more or less of its teachings are derived from some other church. It is said that at some time a company of Mennonites emigrated to England, and dwelt there, and through that event the Quaker Church took its rise.

According to the usages of writing church history the Quakers are Mystics. They contend for a work in the spirit and in truth, for great plainness in habit of dress and in building meeting houses.

Among the most noted mystic preachers who preached in Germany along the period of 1700-'20 was Earnst Christoph Hoshman. They did not have any meeting houses because their preaching was contrary to law.

It is said that Almander Mark, first preacher of the Tunker Brethren Church in Germany, traveled and preached with Hochman before the Tunker Brethren Church was brought into existence.

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Faith and repentance are inward matters, but they can not be shut up and confined to the heart. The inward faith must find some outward expression or it will perish. The changed purpose must manifest itself in some overt act or it will die. The first and most natural form of expression for the inward faith and repentance, is an open avowal of the faith that led to the repentance. If the soul has believed and repented, it is the duty of the mouth to speak it. This act is necessary to confirm both the faith and repentance.

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God never forgets the man who is willing to take a hard place.

Sin would not be so deadly if the devil could not wear a mask.

Keep in good humor with the future—it never did you any harm.

Get a child to love Christ and you will start a multitude toward God.

The Christian home is one of the greatest foes the devil has on earth.

The only truly brave people are those who are not afraid of the truth.

When a man begins to live for God in earnest the devil soon finds it out.

If no drunkard can go to heaven, what is to become of the drunkard maker?

God's peace will not stay long in the heart that tries to hide any kind of sin.

The devil does not always have to go into the slums to find a man to do his work.

Don't fool with sin. Whoever plays with knives will sooner or later get cut.

No man can see the beauty of the divine character until he has been born of the Spirit.

The kind of righteousness that takes people to heaven is not the kind that brags on itself.

Some preachers never seem to think it worth while to work at their trade in the middle of the week.

One prayer that is always going up out of the heart of the faithful Christian is, "Thy will be done."

The man of faith is willing that God shall take as much time as he wants in which to explain himself.

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When you want to help God, and don't know just how to begin, don't try to see how solemn you can look in church.

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